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b) a flat contact piece coupled to only one side of said further section, wherein said further section is disposed at an end of said strand wherein said further section is formed on said end of said strand by pressing a plurality of fine wires together; and said further section is welded to said contact piece.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected claims 20-22 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gottlieb* in view of *Wible*.

Claim 20 has been amended to include the reference to a flat contact piece which has support from FIG. 1. In addition claim 20 was amended to include the reference to the further section being welded to the contact piece which is described in the specification on page 7 lines 4-7. In this case, this flat contact piece is dramatically different than the contact piece of *Wible*. In *Wible* the contact piece is an angled two pronged contact piece that allows a screw to fit therethrough. In the present invention as claimed in claim 20 and shown in the drawings in particular FIG. 1, the contact piece is essentially flat which allows a simple connection of the wire strand to the contact piece.

In addition, in *Wible*, the wire or in this case "strap 44" is secured by welding to the bight portion as stated in column 3 lines 1-4. In contrast, the present invention as in claim 20, the wire strands in the further section are not a strap, but they are welded together and then also welded to the flat contact piece.

Gottlieb does not teach of any welding of the bare metallic strands 9 either together or to the contact piece 1. The applicant believes that this welding as described in claim 20 simplifies the connection between the strands and the contact piece and allows a secure connection between the strands and the contact piece which is an improvement over both *Gottlieb* and *Wible*. Therefore, the applicant believes that claim 20 as amended is patentable over the references cited taken either singly or in combination.

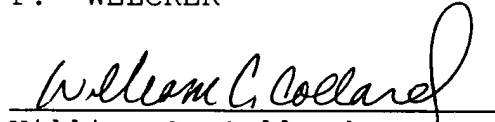
The Examiner has rejected claim 23, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Gottlieb*, in view of *Wible* and in further view of *Budnick*. The applicant believes that because claim 20 has been amended to overcome the above rejection and claim 23 depends from claim 20, then the applicant believes that claim 23 is also allowable.

Claim 20 has been amended. Claims 20-24 remain in the application. The applicant believes that the remaining claims are written to overcome the rejections of the Examiner. Accordingly,

the applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the remaining claims.

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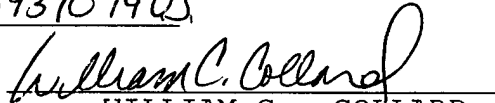
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20. (Amended) A battery terminal connecting cable comprising:

a) a strand comprising a plurality of fine wires, and having a further section formed when said plurality of fine wires are pressed together and, wherein said wires are welded together in said further section; and

b) a flat contact piece coupled to only one side of said further section, wherein said further section is disposed at an end of said strand[.] wherein said further section is formed on said end of said strand by pressing a plurality of fine wires together; and said further section is welded to said contact piece.